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Highlights

LEADING THE NEWS

Utilities May Still Choose to Retire Coal, Not Upgrade Under EPA Plan

By Abby Smith and Amena H. Saiyid

Upgrade or retire. The choice for coal-fired plants under the Trump EPA's new power sector proposal isn't that different from what they faced under the Obama-era carbon controls the plan would replace.

Interior Considering Quicker Ways to Fix Contaminated Water, Land (1)

By Sylvia Carignan

Companies responsible for restoring rivers, lands and other natural resources could be encouraged to make quicker progress if the Interior Department follows through with regulatory changes it is considering.

Climate Policies Help Claim Another Australian Leader

By Murray Griffin (Bloomberg Environment)

Climate and energy issues have once again figured into a change at the top of Australia's government, as a politician who famously goaded his foes by bringing a lump of coal into Parliament was sworn in as the country's new prime minister Aug. 24.

TODAY'S NEWS

\$45M in Senate Defense Bill to Clean Up Water Near Military Bases

By David Schultz

A bill that would fund the Pentagon for the coming fiscal year includes \$45 million to help states and local governments decontaminate drinking water tainted by perfluorinated chemicals.

3M Among Manufacturers Wary of Perfluorinated Chemical Limits

By Sylvia Carignan

3M Co. and other manufacturers are fighting state and federal efforts to set limits for a group of ubiquitous chemicals being discovered in water supplies across the country.

Energy General Counsel, Research Office Nominations Advance

By Rebecca Kern

Nominations for Energy Department general counsel and director of an innovative energy technology office advanced out of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Even in Coal Country, Trump Aid Won't Keep This Power Plant Open

By Christopher Martin

Vistra Energy Corp. plans to close another money-losing coal plant this year despite the Trump administration's efforts to prop up the ailing fossil-fuel industry.

Lithium Glut Fears Overblown as Miners Take Disciplined Approach

By Laura Millan Lombrana

Lithium-mining heavyweights Albemarle Corp. and SQM are expanding in response to surging demand from rechargeable-battery makers. But don't expect them to shoot themselves in the foot by flooding the market.

Brazil Fighting Judge's Glyphosate Ban, Industry Expects Reversal

By Michael Kepp

Brazil's in-house legal office is appealing a federal judge's decision that suspended the use of the herbicide glyphosate on genetically modified soy and other transgenic crops, saying courts shouldn't evaluate pesticides.

Chile Closes State Oil Refinery After Toxic Cloud Sickens 200

By Tom Azzopardi

Chile ordered state oil company ENAP Refineries SA to suspend operations at its Aconcagua oil refinery after a cloud of toxic gas left more than 200 local people requiring medical treatment for dizziness, headaches, vomiting, and fainting.

Norway \$1 Trillion Fund's Plan to Dump Big Oil Meets Resistance

By Sveinung Sleire and Mikael Holter

Norway's \$1 trillion sovereign wealth fund is meeting resistance on its plan to dump more than \$40 billion in oil and gas stocks.

Why Carbon Price at Highest in a Decade Won't Save the Planet

By Jeremy Hodges

Even after reaching their highest in a decade, the cost of carbon in Europe isn't anywhere close to where they need to be to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Kalashnikov Takes Aim at Electric Cars with Retro Prototype

By Elisabeth Behrmann

Concern Kalashnikov JSC, maker of the AK-47 assault rifle, is the latest entry into the crowded electric-vehicle race that's drawn a range of tech entrepreneurs, makers of vacuum cleaners as well as the world's biggest car companies.

Can Electric Cars Make China This Century's Detroit?

By Bloomberg News

Around the globe, automakers and governments are making big plans for electric vehicles, lining up billions of dollars for the investments needed to replace the world's carbon-burning cars and trucks. But there's one place that stands out for the number of EVs actually hitting the road: China.

Pollution Costs at Decade High Squeeze Industry, Coal in Europe

By Rachel Morison and Jeremy Hodges

Europe's coal producers and energy intensive industries are the most exposed to a surge in the price on releasing the most common greenhouse gas into the atmosphere.

PODCAST: Climate Solutions, or Maybe Just Wishful Thinking

By David Schultz

Some scientists out there are working on a plan to suck greenhouse gasses out of the air. Is this a potentially revolutionary solution to the problem of climate change?

THURSDAY NIGHT WRAPUP

Volvo Didn't Sway EPA Test on High-Emitting Glider Trucks: Air Chief

By Abby Smith

The EPA's top air official is defending testing done by agency career staff that shows trucks with rebuilt engines emit up to hundreds of times more air pollution than new trucks.

No Agreement on Conservation Yet as Farm Bill Expiration Nears

By Teaganne Finn

Land conservation programs are still a sticking point farm bill conferees will need to work out before the current authorization expires Sept. 30, Senate Agriculture Committee leaders said.

Senate Bid to Protect Obama-Era Coal Dust Rule Falls Flat

By Stephen Lee

An Obama-era rule intended to increase protections for coal miners from black lung disease could still be weakened by the Trump administration after the Senate refused to take up a Democratic amendment shielding it.

Railcar Cleaning Company Charged for Deaths, Conspiracy in Explosion

By Christopher Brown

A Nebraska railcar cleaning company was indicted for alleged worker safety and environmental violations following a 2015 incident in which two workers were killed and another injured when a tanker car caught fire while being cleaned.



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